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Carter Staff Lists Ford 'Dumping-Ground' Aides

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PLAINS, Ga., Aug. 12—Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush arrived here today to brief Jimmy Carter on national security and found that Carter had him in mind when he accused the Republicans of using top government jobs as "dumping grounds for unsuccessful candidates."

Bush, who ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in Texas in 1964 and 1970, was among six defeated Republicans who were cited in a confidential staff memorandum prepared in conjunction with Carter's speech Wednesday to the American Bar Association convention in Atlanta.

Carter aides said the memo was intended as back-up information for Carter's assertion that the Nixon and Ford administrations used top jobs in regulatory agencies and elsewhere as

"dumping grounds for unsuccessful candidates, faithful political partisans, out-of-favor White House aides and representatives of special interests."

They said it was not intended for distribution to the press, although a copy was given to at least one reporter as a routine informational handout early in the day. Aides said this was accidental.

Listed along with Bush in the unsuccessful candidate category were Interior Secretary Thomas S. Kleppe, former ambassador to Switzerland Peter Dominick, Veterans Administrator Richard Roudebush, General Services Administrator Jack Eckerd and Marlow Cook, a director of the Legal Services Corp. Like Bush, all were defeated for election, or in some cases re-election, to the Senate.

The memo also listed several oil and utility company executives as "special interest" appointees to the Federal Energy Administration and

Tennessee Valley Authority and cited Alexander M. Haig, former chief of staff for President Nixon and now the supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, among others as "out-of-favor White House aides."

Both Carter, the Democratic presidential nominee, and Bush, who served as Republican national chairman from 1973 to 1974, have declined to say on previous occasions whether Bush would stay on in a Carter administration.

Asked about the memo by a reporter as he arrived today at Plains Airport, Bush said he hadn't seen it and added, "I'm down here to do a professional job with a bunch of professionals and I have no comment at all" on the memo.

Pressed later by reporters for his reaction to it, Bush said, "I have no feeling on it," and added, "I'm determined to stay out of partisan politics."

He said Carter appeared satisfied with the briefings and indicated no dissatisfaction with him.

Bush's five-hour meeting with Carter and his running mate, Sen. Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota, was the second in a series of top-level CIA briefings to keep the Democratic candidates abreast of sensitive international developments. The sessions were arranged by President Ford.

Carter and Mondale met before the briefing with representatives of the Italian-American Foundation and later greeted California Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., who was to spend the evening at the Carter home here.

Brown, who defeated Carter in five of the late presidential primaries and was the last major holdout against his nomination, came to discuss strategy for carrying California for the Democrats in November, Carter aides said.

They said Brown offered to drop by Plains while he was campaigning for

Democratic candidates in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Carter is planning a three or four day trip to the far west, including California, in late August.

Before meeting with Carter, Jeno Paulucci of Duluth, Minn., leader of the Italian-American group and an old friend of Mondale, said he believed both Republicans and Democrats have "problems" with the country's 25 million citizens of Italian descent because "we've been on the outside looking in too long."

Carter agreed that Italian-Americans have suffered from discrimination. He said he would try to arrange his schedule to attend a dinner sponsored by the group in Washington Sept. 16, honoring House Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.) and retired U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, leading figures in the Watergate probe leading to the resignation of President Nixon.